

July 5, 2007

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

An Environmental Committee meeting was held on Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building, Quorum Court Meeting Room, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas

Committee Members Present: Brown, Glass, Hubbard, Moore, Schindler, Winscott, Wozniak

Others Present: Jim Ecker

Media: Jennifer Turner, Daily Record; Scarlet Simms, Morning News

JP Jim Wozniak called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES:**

JP Moore made motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting as distributed, seconded by JP Winscott. Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Don Day stated that he understands from the newspaper that they are getting ready to pass the nuisance ordinance on to the Committee of 13, and as of 2:30 p.m., he has not been able to find the latest version anywhere. He noted that the nuisance abatement plan is still posted on the county website as well as an older version of the ordinance, and he is aware that the plan has been dropped. He asked how public comment before the meeting can be possible with this kind of set up. He said that he previously stated he would serve on an appeals board if asked, but the example of possible imminent life/safety hazard cited on Page 2, section M, number IV, would make that difficult because he does not know how an “untenable” mobile home could be defined, and questioned why manufactured or mobile homes were singled out. He questioned how the “vacant buildings” on Page 3 can be reconciled with all of the cabins around Beaver Lake that are not occupied year round. He cited Article 2, and stated that it does not make sense after item (5) and needs to be reworded. He said that “Unsanitary Premises” should be defined, and he does not know who the Benton County Health Officer is. He stated that Article 4, paragraph (a) is unclear.

Bill Millager stated that the document distributed as the latest version has no date on it, and he did not receive it until 1:15 this afternoon.

Tom Jones thanked the committee for their efforts, and stated that the ordinance is moving in the right direction, and urged them to pass it on to the Committee of 13.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Proposed Nuisance Abatement Ordinance**

JP Wozniak stated that the changes that the committee requested at the June 5 meeting have been made, and asked the committee how they would like to proceed.

JP Schindler made motion to forward the nuisance abatement ordinance to the July 10, 2007 Committee of 13 meeting, seconded by JP Glass.

The committee noted several typographical errors that need to be corrected, and requested that a clean copy with all editing notations removed be posted on the county website as soon as possible.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

JP Wozniak stated that he has requested a clean copy of the Floodplain Insurance Program ordinance from Planning Director Ashley Pope. He said that he will be out of town for the next several weeks, and asked the committee to move the ordinance along in the process in his absence.

JP Glass stated that he would like for Planning Director Ashley Pope to speak to the committee about the status of a countywide master plan.

After motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.